

SUBDUES BIG SUBJECT

Crowds in Uproar as Boy Speaks on Conservation.

WEARS BADGE FOR EFFORTS

"We Are Unscrupulously Dissipating Our Resources by Our Lack of Scientific Knowledge and System," Declares Watson Davis in Same Breath at Oratorical Competition.

When Watson Davis, twelve years old, was introduced as orator on the subject of "Conservation of natural resources" at the Y. M. C. A. oratorical contest last night he was greeted with an uproar. Although he was a little speaker with a big subject, he wears a badge to prove what he did to it.

"The nations of the world to-day are unscrupulously dissipating their resources by lack of scientific knowledge and system," said the speaker. He was not able to proceed for some minutes because of the applause, but he calmly held up his hand for quiet and resumed.

"No doubt," you have observed, my fellow-citizens, the wide publicity which has been given to this momentous question, and many of you, I dare say, have drawn some good and lasting lessons from it. Withal, however, you are giving the subject but a superficial examination, and I urge you to follow me closely, not merely because I want to convince you of my oratorical ability, but chiefly because I want to call you to arms in the interest of your posterity."

After disencumbering himself of all this argument, young Davis waded into the scientific subject, and his discourse would make Gifford Pinchot and Secretary Ballinger marvel.

Davis was not the only orator. Randolph Shaw, sixteen years old, won first prize by his discussion of "Merchant marine," and Eugene Powdermaker, fourteen years old, won third prize for the manner in which he handled the subject of "Ambition."

AID MEMORIAL COTTAGE.

Women's League of National Junior Republic Hold Session.

At a meeting of the Woman's League of the National Junior Republic, yesterday at the Arlington Hotel, \$200 was voted as a contribution to the \$4,000 fund for the erection of a memorial cottage in memory of Miss Julia C. Baldwin, an active worker of the Junior Republic, who died recently at Freeville, N. Y.

Expressions of sympathy at the death of Adolphus S. Solomons were adopted, his daughter being a vice president of the league. Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, president, presided. "Car-fare-day" collections were reported satisfactory.

WOULD LEND AID TO LIBERIA.

President Taft Transmits Report of Commission to Congress.

President Taft sent a message to Congress yesterday transmitting the report of the commission which investigated social, political, and financial conditions in Liberia last year.

The report, which became public for the first time upon its presentation to Congress, made the following recommendations:

That the United States extend its aid to Liberia in the prompt settlement of pending boundary disputes.

That the United States enable Liberia to refund its debt by assuming as a guarantee for the payment of obligations under such arrangement the control and collection of the Liberian customs.

That the United States lend its assistance to the Liberian government in the reform of its internal finances.

That the United States lend its aid to Liberia in organizing and drilling an adequate constabulary, or frontier police force.

That the United States should establish and maintain a research station in Liberia, and that the United States respond to the question of establishing a naval coaling station in Liberia.

ORPHAN ASYLUM FOR SEALS.

The Treasury Department Considers Lending of Professor.

"Uncle Sam" is about to start an orphan asylum—not for the bringing up of the children of sailors or soldiers, or politicians killed or disabled in action, but for the raising of orphan seals.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has gone so far with the idea that it has asked the Treasury Department to lend it a professor of sealology, and the Treasury is considering.

TAFT ON SPEAKERS' LIST.

Ohio Society to Hold Annual Meeting Thursday Night.

President Taft, Senators Dick and Burton, and Gen. Sherwood and Knifer will be speakers at the meeting of the Ohio Society Thursday night at the Arlington Hotel.

Associate Justice Day is president of the society, which has many other prominent Ohioans on its roster. An elaborate programme has been arranged for the meeting.

Will Be Buried To-day.

Funeral services for Michael J. Brown, who died suddenly Tuesday night, will be held this afternoon at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, at 2 o'clock.

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HUSBAND DETAINED 40 YEARS.

Wife Asks Representative Roberts to Explain Captain's Absence.

Way back in March, 1868, Capt. Charles Lee Moses, U. S. N., a survivor of the fight between the Monitor and Merrimac, and an officer of the Kearsarge when she sank the Alabama, wrote fondly to his wife from Bangkok, Siam, that he was about to sail for home in the brig Swallow.

Just the other day—forty years later—his wife wrote to Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, asking him to find out what was detaining the captain. Mr. Roberts, who has been in Congress for ten years, thinks this is in some ways the most remarkable request he ever got.

DEATH CALLS ROBERT V. BELT

Former Commissioners of Indian Affairs Victim of Pneumonia.

Native of Maryland Handled Cherokee Claim Involving \$4,000,000. Served in Union Army.

Robert Vinton Belt, for years assistant commissioner of Indian Affairs, died at his home, 1548 Biltmore street northwest, yesterday afternoon from pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks.

He was called the "great white father" by the Indians, and was an intimate friend of former Secretary of the Interior Noble and Senator Kirkwood, of Iowa. He was recognized as an authority in Indian treaties.

Mr. Belt was a native of Anne Arundel County, Md., although his father was a large slave owner and a Southern sympathizer, young Robert joined the Union army. After the war he was given a position in the War Department, where he served until Garfield's administration, when he was appointed assistant commissioner of Indian Affairs. He held this office until Cleveland's last administration, when he resigned to practice law in the prosecution of Indian claims before the Department of the Interior.

While engaged in private business he handled some of the largest claims that have ever come before the government. One of these was the Cherokee claim, involving \$4,000,000. In this case Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, was associated with him.

He was one of the trustees of McKendree M. E. Church, where he had been a member for forty-five years.

Mr. Belt married Miss Joanna Kirkwood, of Iowa, daughter of the late Senator Kirkwood. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. J. G. Shibley, and a son, William O. Belt, of Chicago. The funeral will take place from his residence Monday at 10 o'clock. Interment will be in Arlington.

STREET TO BE RESURFACED.

Commissioners Order \$4,000 Improvement for Avenue.

The Board of District Commissioners yesterday issued orders providing for the resurfacing with asphaltum of the roadway of Massachusetts avenue between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets northwest at an estimated cost of \$4,000, chargeable to the appropriation for repairs to streets.

Upon motion of the Engineer Commissioner, orders were also issued for the construction of a number of water mains and service sewers.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., March 25, 1910—3 p. m. Fair weather will continue Saturday in the districts east of the Mississippi River, in the west Gulf States and in the extreme Northwest and probably Sunday in the Atlantic States and the east Gulf States.

The temperature will fall Saturday in the Middle Atlantic and New England States and the Middle Plains States and Sunday in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys.

Storms departing Saturday for European ports will have moderate west and northwest winds, becoming variable, and generally fair weather to the Grand Banks.

Local Temperature.

Midnight, 60; 2 a. m., 61; 4 a. m., 61; 6 a. m., 60; 8 a. m., 61; 10 a. m., 61; 12 noon, 71; 2 p. m., 82; 4 p. m., 81; 6 p. m., 81; 8 p. m., 79; 10 p. m., 69. Maximum, 83; minimum, 60.

Relative humidity—8 a. m., 68; 2 p. m., 22; 8 p. m., 5. Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0. Hours of sunshine, 12.3. Per cent of possible sunshine, 100. Temperature same date last year—Maximum, 86; minimum, 56.

Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the amount of rainfall, for the twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, are as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Ashville, N. C.	78	49	59	...
Atlanta, Ga.	82	62	78	...
Atlantic City, N. J.	58	46	52	...
Bismarck, N. Dak.	50	20	38	...
Boston, Mass.	78	60	63	...
Buffalo, N. Y.	52	40	44	...
Chicago, Ill.	70	48	54	...
Cincinnati, Ohio	78	62	72	...
Cleveland, Ohio	60	34	54	...
Denver, Colo.	78	46	59	...
Des Moines, Iowa	60	46	54	...
Galveston, Tex.	74	66	66	...
Hartford, Conn.	74	46	59	...
Indianapolis, Ind.	76	50	70	...
Jacksonville, Fla.	78	56	66	...
Kansas City, Mo.	68	46	59	...
Little Rock, Ark.	84	58	80	...
Los Angeles, Cal.	64	50	64	...
Memphis, Tenn.	72	52	72	...
New Orleans, La.	82	66	78	...
New York, N. Y.	78	42	72	...
North Platte, Neb.	74	42	70	...
Omaha, Neb.	80	54	74	...
Pittsburg, Pa.	72	60	66	...
Portland, Me.	62	42	58	...
Portland, Ore.	60	38	60	...
Salt Lake City, Utah	56	38	54	...
Tombstone, Ariz.	80	62	76	...
St. Paul, Minn.	64	42	60	...
San Francisco, Cal.	56	42	52	0.01
Springfield, Ill.	72	52	72	...
Tacoma, Wash.	64	42	58	...
Toledo, Ohio	74	52	64	...
Vicksburg, Miss.	84	64	80	...

Tide Table.
To-day—High tide, 8:28 a. m. and 9:34 p. m.; low tide, 2:32 a. m. and 3:53 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 9:15 a. m. and 9:40 p. m.; low tide, 3:27 a. m. and 3:48 p. m.

Condition of the Water.
Special to The Washington Herald.
Harpers Ferry, W. Va., March 25.—Both rivers clear.

Bowie to Have Jury Trial.

Charles Bowie, thirty years old, formerly manager for a Fourteenth street store, entered a plea of not guilty when he was arraigned in Police Court yesterday on a charge of attempting advances toward Cora Rick, an eighteen-year-old negro girl, on Tuesday night last. Bowie demanded trial by jury and was released on \$50 collateral.

President Signs Dismissal.

The dismissal of First Lieut. Adolph Langhorst, of the Coast Artillery, has been approved by President Taft. Lieut. Langhorst was convicted by court-martial at Fort McHenry, Md., on charges of breach of arrest, neglect of duty, absence without leave, and conduct unbecoming an officer.

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COMET CLUB FORMED TO WELCOME VISITOR

Halley's Famous Rambler Will Be Treated to a Tally-ho Ride and Dance After Reception at the Observatory.

To welcome Halley's comet May 18 the Washington Comet Club was organized yesterday afternoon at the home of John H. Taylor, 623 Keefer place.

A tally-ho party to the naval observatory, followed by a supper and dance at Rauscher's, forms part of the "comet night" programme arrangements for the comet after an absence of seventy-five years was shown by the score of members who attended the organization meeting.

According to the tentative arrangements made yesterday, the club members will gather at the Treasury building about 7 o'clock on the evening of May 18 and will be driven to the naval observatory in Georgetown. There the members will have an opportunity to view the comet at close range. Those in charge at the observatory will be asked to swing the huge telescope into position and explain the travels and pedigree of the famous celestial wanderer.

Father Torndorff of the Georgetown observatory, Prof. W. S. Elchberger of the naval observatory and Prof. Willis L. Moore of the Weather Bureau are among those who will be invited to speak before the club.

Report Shows Supply of Cotton.

A report issued yesterday by the Census Bureau shows the total supply of cotton for the six-month period ended February 28, 1910, to have been 11,532,361 running bales, made up as follows: 1,483,585 held September 1, 1909; ginned during period, 9,574,988; net imports, 83,773. Distribution—2,526,983 bales consumed, 4,569,852 exported, 1,674,321 held in mills, 1,332,521 held in independent warehouses; other stocks, 815,844.

Pony Given Away.

Easter Monday, at Randle Highlands, will be a great event in the lives of the white school children of Washington. A Shetland pony, guinea pigs, rabbits, and pigeons will be given away to the lucky finders of Easter eggs hidden in the shrubbery. Thousands of children will probably participate in the hunt.

Capt Phillips Exonerated.

Capt. Phillips, master of the steamer Newport News, has been exonerated by the United States steamboat inspectors for the collision between the Newport News and the British steamer Lord Roberts in a fog on Lower Chesapeake Bay about a month ago.

Will Lecture on Wireless.

Maj. Charles McK. Saltzman, Signal Corps, U. S. A., will deliver a second lecture on wireless telegraphy before the boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. tonight. If sufficient interest is shown a receiving station may be installed at the Y. M. C. A. Building.

The annual wheat crop of Great Britain amounts to about 400,000,000 bushels.

PROCESS OF NATURALIZATION.

Richard K. Campbell Will Speak at Y. M. C. A. To-morrow Afternoon.

Richard K. Campbell, Chief of the Bureau of Naturalization, Department of Commerce and Labor, will speak on the process of naturalization at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon.

So much is being said of the 1,000,000 foreigners who are making their homes in the United States that interest in the subject has been intensified. The meeting is open to men interested in the subject. Special music will be given by a section of the Y. M. C. A. orchestra in the prelude of the Easter service.

PRESIDENT READY FOR GOLF.

Dancing, Motoring, and Walking Will Soon Become Passe.

Dancing, automobile riding, and walking, all Presidential sports and delights at present, will become distinctly passe within the next few days, and talk among the official set will be about stymies and bunkers and Col. Bogie and other interesting persons and things which will go to make up golf.

President Taft, it was said, is longing for the time when he can clamber into a White House automobile, be whirled out to Chevy Chase, don a cap and a thin coat, and wing out over the links once more. It has been many a long month since there was a Presidential golf game, and Mr. Taft is ready. If the present mild, and almost summer-like weather, keeps up, the President will seek the links next week.

Evangelists to Speak.

Rev. Charles Lynch, Rev. J. H. Watkins, and other evangelists will speak at the Gospel Mission, 1230 Pennsylvania avenue, this and to-morrow nights, and Messdames Mauro and Clark and Messrs. Gordon and Evans will sing. Revs. Lynch and Watkins are in attendance upon the Methodist Episcopal conference now in session in this city, and are eloquent and spirit-filled men. The Gospel Mission is arranging to commence its open-air work on the streets and in the alleys, which was so successful last year.

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DIED.

BELT—On Friday, March 25, 1910, at 12:20 p. m., at his residence, 1548 Biltmore street northwest, ROBERT VINTON BELT, husband of Joanna W. Belt, in his sixty-eighth year.

Funeral from his late residence on Monday, March 28, at 10 a. m. Interment private at Arlington.

CLARK—On Friday, March 25, 1910, at 5:50 a. m., SARAH PEARCE, wife of Allen C. Clark.

Funeral from her late residence, 2009 O street northwest, on Monday, March 28, at 2 p. m.

LEE—Departed this life Wednesday, March 23, 1910, at 7 p. m., ALICE LORETTA LEE.

Funeral Sunday, March 27, at 2 p. m., from Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, O street northwest, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets northwest.

LOVE—Departed this life after a sudden illness, on Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 8 a. m., SAMUEL M. LOVE, in the eighty-eighth year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, 921 Fourth street southeast, Monday, March 28, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

ROTH—On Thursday, March 24, 1910, at 7:15 p. m., at residence of her parents, 234 Eleventh street southeast, ALICE SHARPLESS ROTH, beloved daughter of Frank and Annie Sharpless and wife of Charles W. Roth, aged twenty-two years.

Funeral Sunday, March 27, at 3 p. m., from residence.

WRIGHT—MARY F. WRIGHT, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Funeral will take place from the residence of her daughter, 1947 Biltmore street northwest, Saturday, March 26, at 2 p. m. Friends and relatives respectfully invited to attend.

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THE BOARD OF PHARMACY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA will hold its regular quarterly examinations APRIL 14, 15, 1910. Applications must be filed with the secretary on or before April 5, 1910. S. L. HILTON, Secretary.

I, HORACE L. WOODWARD, ANNOUNCE THAT the partnership between myself and HARRY E. CHANDLER, in the business of patent solicitation, has been dissolved by mutual consent, under an agreement taking effect MARCH 27, 1910. Mr. Chandler assuming all liabilities of said business. I will continue the prosecution of patents in new offices, Nos. 6 and 7 Dodge Building, 9th and G sts. nw. HORACE L. WOODWARD.

JOHN F. LOVETT AND H. N. JACOBS, formerly carrying on the barber business under the firm name of Lovett & Jacobs, at 140 Fourteenth st. nw., have dissolved partnership, and the business will hereafter be continued at said place by H. N. JACOBS. mh3.3a.25

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY GIVEN that the firm of W. W. NEWBERRY & CO., heretofore doing a brokerage business dealing in stocks and bonds, was dissolved by mutual consent of all the partners on the 23d day of February, 1910. mh3.2.25

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